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## REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES.

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TO HIS EXCELLENCY, WM. DENNISON,  
*Governor of the State of Ohio:*

In presenting the Reports made to us by the several officers of the Institution for the Blind, we have the pleasure to state that the Institution is still performing the work for which it is sustained by the people of the State.

The history of the Institution now extends through a period of twenty-four years, and it has afforded instruction to 400 different pupils. The manner in which it has progressed from its commencement with five pupils, in 1837, will be seen from the following sketch. During the first four years, twenty-eight pupils were admitted, an average of seven each year. During the next six years, under the supervision of Mr. Chapin, the first Superintendent, ninety-six new pupils were admitted, being an average of sixteen each year; and the average number enrolled was sixty-one. During the next two years, thirty-three were admitted; sixty-eight were enrolled the first, and seventy-three the second of these years. During the next four years, under the charge of Mr. McMillen, sixty-three, or nearly sixteen each year, were admitted; and the average number enrolled was over sixty-nine. During the next four years, under the supervision of Mr. Harte, sixty were admitted, an average of fifteen per year; and an average of sixty-four were enrolled each year. In the last four years, under the charge of the present officers, one hundred and three were admitted, more than twenty-five each year; and the average number enrolled has been one hundred and nine.

During the last year, the number instructed was one hundred and twenty, the same as during the preceding year, while the average number in daily attendance was larger than in any previous year, varying from one hundred to one hundred and fifteen. The last named is the largest number that can be accommodated in the present building with any thing like proper regard to health and comfort; but it can not be doubted that there are many now in the State, of suitable age, to profit by the privileges of



the school, and who ought now to be enjoying them. The addition of ten or twelve of these, had we room for them, would occasion no increase of the cost of supervision and instruction, and would add but a trifle to the sum expended for other purposes.

The importance of enlarging the building has been strongly urged in our last two Reports; the necessity for this is increasing every year, and must be expected to continue thus to do. The present edifice was built more than twenty years since, it was not expected to accommodate over seventy pupils with the officers and attendants who must reside in the building. A dining room, additional school-rooms, work rooms, and lodging rooms are imperatively needed.

We would, therefore, again earnestly press upon the Legislature the necessity of an enlargement of the buildings. The sum of \$6,000 will enable us to erect the necessary addition and complete the parts most wanted, after which the remaining rooms can be finished as needed, at a very small cost. We ask that this sum may be appropriated early in the session, so that a portion of the work may be contracted for at once and be done during the winter, when it can be executed much cheaper than at any other season.

The special appropriation of \$1,000 for furniture and bedding was expended for bedding, and proved less than one half what was needed for that purpose, without making any additions to furniture.

The sums drawn from the Treasury during the year are as follows :

Drawn by Steward for current expenses .....	\$9,000 00
Drawn for furniture, bedding and repairs.....	1,000 00
Drawn for improvements, and for coal .....	1,025 59
Drawn for salaries of officers and teachers .....	6,082 50
Total .....	<u>\$17,108 09</u>

The following appropriations are respectfully asked for the coming year :

For enlargement of building .....	\$6,000 00
For current expenses and repairs .....	12,000 00
For salaries of officers and teachers ..	6,500 00

Respectfully submitted,  
 JOHN W. ANDREWS, } *Trustees.*  
 JOHN GREINER. }

COLUMBUS, Nov. 20th, 1860.



## REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT.

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Our last session passed pleasantly and profitably. The examinations of the classes at its close were quite satisfactory, and evinced the thoroughness of the instruction given, and the fidelity and attention of the pupils. The changes in our corps of teachers, named in the last Report, were not followed by any unpleasant results; and the teachers and officers have, as heretofore, labored faithfully and successfully in their respective departments.

The general health of the household was as good as usual. With a family of one hundred and forty it is not to be expected that many days will pass without some cases of illness more or less severe. The particulars of this part of our history for the year will be found in the report of the physician. While we record with devout gratitude that this is the fourth year since a death from disease has occurred in the Institution, we were called to mourn the sudden death of Charles H. Hovey, a most amiable and exemplary boy, who died from the effects of a fall on the 2d of April. His removal produced a profound impression upon all our family, and awakened the deepest sympathy with his parents and friends thus unexpectedly bereaved.

### NUMBER OF PUPILS, ETC.

The number of pupils instructed during the year was 120, and the average number in attendance, 109; the average for the first half of the year was 106, and for the last half, 114. Seventeen were new pupils, and six attended mainly for the purpose of learning a trade; all except those last named received instruction in the literary department, or in music. Those in the industrial department eat at the same tables, attend morning and evening worship, and have opportunity to hear lectures, and reading from books and papers, and receive general instruction on various subjects, in common with the younger pupils. This department, proper, has never been so large as to render it necessary to make it distinct from the other

part of the school: but, were this ever so desirable, it would be impossible with our present limited accommodations, to make it separate.

We have pursued the same general course of instruction as heretofore; our great aim is to make the pupils good English scholars. Much attention is given to spelling and the definitions of words, and to the correct use of language in ordinary conversation. Intellectual arithmetic is relied upon as an important means of mental discipline; and the systematic study of the science of music, by the more advanced pupils is found to be a valuable aid to mental culture. The practice of committing and reciting choice selections of prose and poetry, referred to in the report for 1857, is still continued with excellent results. The subject of moral and social culture still receives a large share of attention; and in no department has greater improvement been secured than in this.

#### RE-UNION OF OFFICERS AND PUPILS.

This gathering, so long anticipated by the older pupils, was held on the Fourth of July last. A majority of the surviving officers and teachers, and more than forty of the graduates attended. The opportunity for renewing acquaintance, and relating experiences was highly prized by all. The addresses, by Rev. Dr. Hoge, and Dr. Aul, of the first Board of Trustees, by Mr. Chapin, the first Superintendent, and by several of the earlier graduates, were exceedingly interesting, and recalled numerous facts and incidents not included in our published history.

Altogether, it was an occasion of no ordinary interest to those who enjoyed it, and its influence will long be felt. As a pretty full account of the exercises was published in July, and has been somewhat widely circulated, it is not deemed necessary to insert the proceedings in this report. A similar Re-union is to be held in 1870.

#### STATISTICS OF THE INSTITUTION.

The following chapter is inserted each year, with the necessary additions, for the convenience of those who may be interested in our history, but who have not access to a file of our Reports. The table presents a summary view of the progress of the Institution. The statements of expenditures, etc., are taken from the reports of the proper officers. Mr. McMillen was Superintendent during the session of 1852, and Mr. Harte during that of 1856, though the reports were made by their immediate successors. The actual expenses for the last four years are found by deducting, from the whole sum paid out, the sums received by the Steward from other sources than the State Treasury:

YEAR.	EXPENSES.	REPORTS		No OF PUPILS.		
		No.	By whom made.	Enrolled.	ADMITTED	
					Yearly.	Total.
1837.....	\$7,907 15	1	The Trustees.....	11	11	11
1838.....	14,103 67	2	The Trustees.....	20	4	15
1839.....	13,196 22	3	The Trustees.....	21	7	22
1840.....	11,871 76	4	Mr. Chapin.....	35	6	28
1841.....	10,155 29	5	Mr. Chapin.....	50	19	47
1842.....	9,664 68	6	Mr. Chapin.....	56	16	63
1843.....	9,263 39	7	Mr. Chapin.....	58	17	80
1844.....	9,229 09	8	Mr. Chapin.....	65	12	92
1845.....	9,463 83	9	Mr. Chapin.....	68	17	109
1846.....	10,957 96	10	Chapin & Penniman.....	73	15	124
1847.....	9,937 12	11	Mr. Penniman.....	68	16	140
1848.....	10,569 20	12	Mr. McMillen.....	73	17	157
1849.....	10,446 95	13	Mr. McMillen.....	67	14	171
1850.....	10,530 50	14	Mr. McMillen.....	72	14	185
1851.....	11,101 93	15	Mr. McMillen.....	69	14	199
1852.....	11,982 09	16	Mr. Harte.....	69	21	220
1853.....	11,916 13	17	Mr. Harte.....	69	11	231
1854.....	11,828 66	18	Mr. Harte.....	64	14	245
1855.....	13,331 80	19	Mr. Harte.....	64	22	267
1856.....	14,319 32	20	Mr. Lord.....	60	13	280
1857.....	15,996 37	21	Mr. Lord.....	93	30	310
1858.....	18,887 95	22	Mr. Lord.....	105	22	332
1859.....	16,202 19	23	Mr. Lord.....	120	34	366
1860.....	16,626 24	24	Mr. Lord.....	120	17	383

## INDUSTRIAL DEPARTMENT.

Of those who attended during 1858-9, ten left at or before the close of the year, having learned broom making. Nearly all of these have commenced business for themselves, and not one who has made the attempt has failed to find employment, and sustain himself respectably. The success of some is very gratifying indeed.

Seven who had acquired the trade left at the close of the last term, a majority of them have already engaged in business; and two who were in school the first part of this term have already left for that purpose.

Broom making is still the only trade taught to our young men, and the experience of another year strengthens the conviction that it is *the* trade for the blind.

During the latter part of the term we introduced the braiding of palm-leaf hats, as a trade for girls. Sufficient time has not yet elapsed to determine whether this can be relied upon as a means of livelihood, but it can be taught to the Blind, and it is earnestly hoped that it may prove, for our



female pupils, what broom making is for our young men—a means of independent support,—or that this, in connection with other arts which they may acquire, as bead-work, crochet-work, etc., will enable them to do something considerable toward their own maintenance.

#### THE PRESENT SESSION.

The current term opened on the thirteenth of September. The officers and teachers are the same as last year. A majority of the pupils returned promptly, but a number much larger than usual have been detained by sickness or other causes.

One hundred and three have been enrolled, of whom seventeen are new pupils. Ten or twelve of the former pupils are still expected to return, and a still larger number are on the list of applicants, or have been reported as of suitable age to enter. Some of these have been known to us for several years, and efforts have been made to induce their friends to bring them to the Institution, but from the want of a proper appreciation of the importance of an early beginning of the work of education, or from an unwillingness to part with them, they are kept at home, and too generally receive no proper training or instruction.

One of the most gratifying incidents in our recent history is the fact that quite a number of those who have entered within the past two years, have been instructed at home, or in schools with other children, and have thus made a good beginning; some have learned to read the raised print, to spell quite a number of words, and begun the study of arithmetic. The difference between such children of nine or ten years, and those whose minds have been entirely neglected till they are twelve or fifteen years old is very wide; and the rapidity with which the former are able to advance after they enter our classes is almost incredible.

It has often been stated that, if children can be under proper influences, and have opportunities for improvement at home, it is better for them to remain there till they are ten or twelve years old; but as some are not thus favored, it has always been customary to receive a few who are younger than is generally desirable. During the last year, several of this class remained at home, and a still larger number have been advised to do so during the present year.

Nearly two hundred have been instructed since the undersigned became connected with the Institution. The opportunity to become personally acquainted with these, and with nearly half as many more who have been educated here and elsewhere, has awakened a very deep interest in the welfare of this class, and an earnest desire to be of the greatest possible service to all who are entitled to the privileges of the Institution. This de-

sire is believed to actuate all those who are associated with me in the work of oversight and instruction.

In conclusion, I would again commend the interests of the Institution to your guardianship, and to the fostering care of the Legislature, hoping that the same Providence which has thus far watched over us and our charge, may continue to us his guidance and blessing.

Respectfully submitted,

A. D. LORD,

*Superintendent.*

COLUMBUS, Nov. 1860.

## CATALOGUE OF PUPILS INSTRUCTED DURING 1859-60.

## MALES.

Names.	Post Office.	County.
David Abbott	Milan	Erie
William C. Armstrong	Cambridge	Guernsey.
Thomas G. Badger	Rome	Franklin.
Ed. Frank Baker	Charleston	Portage.
Alvirzi E. Bigelow	North Solon	Cuyahoga.
Milton H. Birch	Steuben	Huron.
Albert L. Borer	Findlay	Hancock.
Amos H. C. Brice	Newark	Licking.
Ezekiel Canfield	Barlow	Washington.
George M. Close	Mitchell's Salt Works,	Jefferson.
James F. Conover	North Fairfield	Huron.
A. Harvy Covalt	Fletcher	Miami.
John W. Cross	Cincinnati	Hamilton.
John Alfred Dalton	Cleveland	Cuyahoga.
John Davis	Pomeroy	Meigs.
Charles E. Felix	Eaton	Preble.
Augustus H. Fox	Morrison	Belmont.
Jesse W. Francis	Hopewell	Muskingum.
Oliver E. Frank	Croton	Licking.
Charles Globig	Cincinnati	Hamilton.
Henry Goller	Hamilton	Butler.
John Goller	Hamilton	Butler.
George E. Gore	Ostrander	Delaware.
Eli Goudy	Cincinnati	Hamilton.
Louis Gratsch	Cincinnati	Hamilton.
H Ezekiah Green	Jacksontown	Licking.
John W. Hagerman	Huntersville	Hardin.
David Henderson	Springfield	Clark.
Leonidas W. Homan	Bethel	Clermont.
Charles Hoover	Union	Montgomery.
William Hoover	Union	Montgomery.
Charles H. Hovey	Lower Salem	Washington.
Z. Taylor Hughes	Clinton Station	Wayne.
Charles B. Hutchins	Logan	Hocking.
James W. Jones	Canal Dover	Tuscarawas.
James Kehoe	Columbus	Franklin.
John S. Kelley	Greenfield	Highland.
Michael Kennedy	Columbus	Franklin.
Thornton C. Kirkman	Ashville	Pickaway.
Palemon Lacey	Hinckley	Medina.
Hiram C. Lee	Columbus	Franklin.
Charles Letgood	Cincinnati	Hamilton.
George B. Lindsay	Perrysburg	Wood.
John C. Logan	East Liverpool	Columbiana.
Oliver Ludwig	Bellevernon	Wyandott.
Anthony Marsh	Orwell	Ashtabula.
Thomas McCan	Hanoverton	Columbiana.
Charles McGalliard	Dayton	Montgomery.

CATALOGUE OF PUPILS—*Continued.*

## MALES.

Name.	Post Office.	County.
William H. Montague.....	Carey.....	Wyandott.
Charles Moutz.....	East Liverpool.....	Belmont.
Allen H. Munday.....	Barnesville.....	Columbiana.
Thomas Noble.....	Columbus.....	Franklin.
James Oliver.....	Neelysville.....	Morgan.
A. Erskine Polack.....	Cincinnati.....	Hamilton.
Hiram Reed.....	North Salem.....	Guernsey.
T. M. Retno.....	Richfield.....	Lucas.
Henry A. Richardson.....	Cuba.....	Clinton.
Milton Ryder.....	Mendon.....	Mercer.
Wendal Shield.....	Cincinnati.....	Hamilton.
John Schart.....	Franklinton.....	Franklin.
Chester Smith.....	Hanover.....	Licking.
Jesse H. Temple.....	New Garden.....	Columbiana.
Abram Tripp.....	Bourneville.....	Ross.
William Wallace.....	Bloomingsburg.....	Fayette.
Edward D. Watts.....	Cincinnati.....	Hamilton.
John W. Weakly.....	Miami City.....	Montgomery.
Rignal C. Williamson.....	Black Lick.....	Franklin.
Charles Winter.....	Cincinnati.....	Hamilton.

## FEMALES.

Name.	Post Office.	County.
Harriet S. Baker.....	Charleston.....	Portage.
Anna Baumgartner.....	Jackson.....	Franklin.
Jemima E. Black.....	Pleasant Ridge.....	Hamilton.
Lavina Bohner.....	West Unity.....	Williams.
Phebe Brill.....	Dresden.....	Muskingum.
Elizabeth Brown.....	Cleveland.....	Cuyahoga.
Ruth A. Bull.....	Cleveland.....	Cuyahoga.
Sarah M. Carpenter.....	Sunbury.....	Delaware.
Mary J. Conklin.....	Cummins ville.....	Hamilton.
Mary Cramer.....	Bucyrus.....	Crawford.
Catharine T. Davis.....	Utica.....	Licking.
Fanny Davis.....	Utica.....	Licking.
Martha Davis.....	Utica.....	Licking.
Rebecca Day.....	Marietta.....	Washington.
Mary Delany.....	Marietta.....	Washington.
Estaline Fawcett.....	Rushsylvania.....	Logan.
Emily Forsyth.....	Bellefontaine.....	Logan.
Sarah A. Frasee.....	Mount Carmel.....	Clermont.
Hannora Galvin.....	Braceville.....	Trumbull.
Susan C. Hanawalt.....	Chatham.....	Licking.
Caroline C. Hanna.....	Nelson.....	Portage.



CATALOGUE OF PUPILS—*Continued.*

## FEMALES.

Name.	Post Office.	County.
Mary A. Hardin.....	Mount Vernon.....	Knox.
Margaret C. Henderlick .....	Reynoldsburg.....	Franklin.
Elizabeth Hicks.....	Avon.....	Lorain.
Jane Hicks.....	Portsmouth.....	Scioto.
Barbara Hines.....	Blachleyville.....	Wayne.
Margaret E. Hopwood.....	Dresden.....	Muskingum.
Sarah A. Hott.....	Marcy.....	Fairfield.
Lucinda Howland.....	Cincinnati.....	Hamilton.
Emma L. Hubbard.....	Wheeling.....	Ohio, Va.
Demarias Irwin.....	Deersville.....	Harrison.
Amelia E. Jennings.....	Ravenna.....	Portage,
Elizabeth A. Jones.....	Greenwich Station.....	Huron.
Samantha R. Jones .....	Greenwich Station .....	Huron.
Elizabeth Jowitt.....	Columbus.....	Franklin.
Elizabeth Kanavan.....	Cleveland.....	Cuyahoga.
Emma C. Keefer.....	Havanna.....	Huron.
Mary J. Kelley.....	Steubenville.....	Jefferson.
Martha S. Klinck.....	Sylvania.....	Lucas.
Catharine Langreck .....	Germantown.....	Montgomery.
Mary M. Leary.....	Eden.....	Delaware.
Nancy Malone.....	Cleveland.....	Cuyahoga.
Matilda E. Malott.....	Mount Carmel.....	Clermont.
Eliza Mara.....	Cincinnati.....	Hamilton.
Henrietta Marquis.....	Cincinnati.....	Hamilton.
Mary A. McLain.....	Rural Dale.....	Muskingum.
Mary L. Melott.....	Sardis.....	Monroe.
Margaret Y. Merriam.....	Chillicothe.....	Ross.
Eleanor Minneer.....	Alliance.....	Stark.
Emeline Murfet.....	Barry.....	Cuyahoga.
Miranda Phillips.....	Hebron.....	Licking.
Mary J. Putnam.....	Pioneer.....	Williams.
Clarissa J. Raymond.....	Huron.....	Erie.
Sarah A. Raymond.....	Huron.....	Erie.
Irvillia C. Read.....	Norwalk.....	Huron.
Ruth Richardson.....	Woodstock.....	Champaign.
Sarah Ridenour.....	Elida.....	Allen.
Lucy A. G. Ross.....	Cincinnati.....	Hamilton.
Catharine Roth.....	Millville.....	Butler.
Laura Royce.....	Columbus.....	Franklin.
Seana Schooley.....	Schooley's Station .....	Ross.
Eliza J. Shepherd.....	Cincinnati.....	Hamilton.
Sarah Shyrer.....	Cincinnati.....	Hamilton.
Mary Smith.....	Cleves.....	Hamilton.
Nancy M. Smith.....	Schooley's Station.....	Ross.
Edith A. Spencer.....	Cardington.....	Morrow.
Mary E. Vaughn.....	Mount Vernon.....	Knox.
Esther C. Watson.....	Melmore.....	Seneca.
Mary J. Weaver.....	Edenton.....	Clermont.

CATALOGUE OF PUPILS—*Continued.*

## FEMALES.

Name.	Post Office.	County.
Maria Wells.....	Talmadge.....	Summit.
Hannah H. White.....	Rural Dale.....	Muskingum.
Josephine S. Whitman.....	North Fairfield.....	Huron.
Ann L. Wilmeth.....	Circleville.....	Pickaway.
Mary E. Wing.....	Worthington.....	Franklin.

Attended during the session of 1859–60, males 56, females 64, Total 120.

Attended during the y'r ending Nov. 19, 1860, males 68, females 74, Total 142.

LIST OF PERSONS EMPLOYED IN THE INSTITUTION DURING THE  
YEAR ENDING JULY 4TH, 1860.

Names.	Occupation.	Compensation.
Asa D. Lord.....	Superintendent.....	\$1,000 00 per annum
George L. Smead.....	Teacher.. ..	700 00 do
J. A. Scarritt.....	Teacher.....	700 00 do
Miss S. A. Dutton.....	Teacher.....	500 00 do
Mrs. E. W. Lord.....	Teacher.....	400 00 do
H. J. Nothnagle.....	Teacher of Music.....	800 00 do
Miss A. M. Bergundthal....	Teacher of Music.....	150 00 do
Miss M. A. Tipton.....	Teacher of Music.....	150 00 do
Henry Hauenstein.....	Teacher of Mechanics.....	600 00 do
Dr. R. N. Barr.....	Physician.....	200 00 do
James Carlisle.....	Steward.....	500 00 do
Miss O. M. Brown.....	Matron.....	300 00 do
Miss R. C. Bartlett.....	Assistant Matron.....	200 00 do
Miss Libby Carlisle.....	Assistant Matron.....	100 00 do
Miss Jane Munnell.....	Visitors' Attendant.....	52 00 do
Jacob Rau.....	Porter and Fireman.....	20 00 per month
Jacob Young.....	Gardener.....	20 00 do
Rose A. Meenan.....	Cook.....	2 00 per week.
Margaret McMullen.....	Baker.....	2 00 do
Mary A. Stevens.....	Laundress.....	2 00 do
Mary Lane.....	Laundress.....	2 00 do
Ann Shay.....	Laundress.. ..	2 00 do
Dorothy Schneider.....	Chambermaid.....	2 00 do
Susan McCarty.....	In dining room.....	1 75 do
Sophia Holtzbacker.....	In dining room.....	1 75 do

## TERMS OF ADMISSION, ETC.

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Applications for admission should be addressed to the "Superintendent of the Institution for the Blind, Columbus, Ohio," and should state the name, residence, and post office of the applicant's parent or guardian, the applicant's name in full, his age, the age at which he became blind, and the supposed cause of blindness.

Satisfactory testimonials, signed by two or three respectable citizens, must also be furnished, embracing the facts set forth in the following form :

"The undersigned, citizens of ——— county, in the State of Ohio, represent to the Trustees of the Institution for the Blind of said State, that they are acquainted with ———, a blind boy who resides in said county, and that they believe him to be of suitable age, bodily health, mental faculties, and moral character, to receive instruction.

"Dated at ———, this ———, A. D. ———."

Applicants must be between the age of six and twenty-one years; but pupils are not usually received under eight or ten. The regular course of instruction occupies five years, and may be prolonged to seven years.

For residents of the State, the school is free, no charge being made for board or tuition, but parents and guardians must provide their children with good and suitable clothing, and pay their traveling expenses, and should also deposit with the steward a small sum for occasional expenses. For pupils residing out of the State, the terms are one hundred and twenty dollars per annum, payable half yearly in advance.

The term commences on the second Wednesday of September, and closes the last week in June. The proper time for admission is at the commencement of the term.

Vacation continues ten weeks—from the close of the term in June until the second Wednesday in September. Pupils are expected to spend the vacation at home, or with their friends.

All letters to pupils should have after the name, this address —

(Blind Asylum,)

Columbus, Ohio.

## REPORT OF THE PHYSICIAN.

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*To the Board of Trustees:*

GENTLEMEN:—In obedience to law and usage, I herewith present my report of the sanitary condition of this Institution during the past year.

It is gratifying to be able to state that since the date of my last report, and, indeed, since my connection with the Institution, no death has occurred by disease within our walls. This fact is remarkable, and especially so in so large a community, and all suffering from a physical malady which incapacitates them for much active bodily exercise, and from many other causes many of them are delicate and feeble. Indeed in many instances their blindness is caused by inherited and constitutional weakness.

We are fully persuaded that this immunity from fatality, which, in such an Institution as this, literally fills the house with mourning and every heart with sadness, and also to a large extent from the severer forms of disease, is largely due to the unceasing attention of the Superintendent, and of the efficient and well appointed Matrons, to those general laws, on the observance of which good health, and, consequently, prolonged life depends.

Constant attention is paid to a properly varied supply of fresh, wholesome, well cooked food; the dormitories are furnished with good beds and bedding, and the rooms appropriated to the sick are large and airy. Proper attention is also paid to the temperature and ventilation of all the apartments of the building.

It is proper that we should here state that we have always had the hearty and cordial co-operation of all the officers in everything we thought proper to suggest touching the hygienic management of the Institution, and that in cases of illness all have been ready to make personal sacrifices, if by so doing they could in the least administer to the comfort or relief of the suffering.

It is also our duty to state that during the past year we have not escaped calamitous providences and disease in its severe form and epidemical character. Surely "it is not in man that walketh to direct his steps," but an overruling, merciful, and an all-wise Providence, whose ways are to us often times mysterious, and whose wisdom is hidden.

On the 30th of January last, Miranda Phillips, a young lady pupil, fell from her feet upon the pavement and fractured the neck of the right femur (thigh-bone) within the capsular ligament. Being at the time in



feeble health the shock was very great, and nearly proved fatal; but the system finally rallied, and after months of severe but patient suffering she has so far recovered as to walk comfortably with a cane, and without perceptible shortening of the limb or deformity. Doubtless in a few months more she will have almost perfect use of the limb—a result most gratifying both to patient and surgeon.

The sudden decease of Charles Hovey is named in the report of the Superintendent.

Early in February last an epidemic of measles made its appearance in the Institution. Eighteen of the pupils were successively attacked by the disease. In most of the cases it was mild in character, requiring but little medication, and detaining the subjects but a few days from the regular pursuit of their studies. In a few cases it was more severe, and in one there was a complication with pneumonia, but all recovered without being followed by any unpleasant sequelæ.

During the year there have been several cases of mild remittent fever, which, in every instance, yielded readily to medical treatment. Two cases of typhoid fever also occurred—both grave. The first case, Palemon Lacey, aged 13 years, was attacked early in March. The fever running a rapid and violent course, terminated in perfect recovery in about five weeks. The other case, in the person of Amelia Jennings, aged 20 years, was complicated with double pneumonia, and was much more protracted. She was taken ill early in June, the inflammation of the lungs supervening at the end of the third week of the fever. From this time for several weeks her condition was extremely critical, and at times almost hopeless; but finally convalescence was established, and by the middle of August she had so far recovered as to be able to be removed to her residence, and she has since entirely recovered.

Since the opening of the present session there have been several cases of diphtheria, but happily most of them in a mild form, and all have been easily controlled. At this time there are no cases of it in the Institution. During the spring and autumnal months a few of the pupils have suffered from repeated attacks of ague, but less than in previous years. A few minor surgical operations have been performed on the eyes of pupils, and cases of inflammation treated, but tending only to the mitigation of suffering or the relief of deformity.

Feeling the weight of responsibility resting on me, I have given those committed to my professional charge constant watchfulness and daily oversight.

Respectfully submitted.

R. N. BARR, M. D.,  
*Physician and Oculist.*

## REPORT OF THE STEWARD.

Below is a summary of my receipts and disbursements, and a classified statement of articles purchased and the sums paid for them.

The sum of \$2,207 97 was received from other sources than the Treasury: this deducted from the sum disbursed shows \$8,518 15 as the amount expended from the State Treasury.

The number of brooms made was somewhat smaller than in the previous year, from the fact that so many adult workmen left at the close of that year. All which were made have been sold, and at fair prices.

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES CARLISLE, *Steward.*

Columbus, Nov., 1860.

### *Summary of Receipts and Disbursements for the year ending Oct. 31, 1860.*

Balance from last year ----	\$20 53	Paid for wages of help---	\$1,803 84
Received from State Treas'r	9,000 00	Paid for repairs, etc.-----	1,836 70
Rec'd for board of Teachers	75 00	Paid for provisions, etc.---	4,361 24
Received for board of pupil		Paid for miscellane's items	1,378 37
from Va. -----	90 00	Paid for mechanical de-	
Received for brooms -----	1,333 20	partment -----	1,345 97
Received for broom corn --	118 59		
Received for bead work---	356 40		
Received for 12 hogs -----	172 00		
Received for 2 cows -----	55 18		
Received for barrels, etc. --	7 60	Balance on hand -----	502 38
	\$11,228 50		\$11,228 50

*Detailed statement of items included in the foregoing summary.*

## REPAIRS AND IMPROVEMENTS.

Hardware, nails, screws and glass.....	\$89 86
Painting and materials.....	262 10
Lumber and carpenter work.....	161 53
Lead pipe and rubber hose.....	22 10
Sewerage and tile draining.....	284 36
Gas fitting and fixtures.....	35 26
Tin ware and repairs.....	83 15
Repairing furnaces.....	175 97
Repairing wagon and carriage.....	40 50
Gravel.....	102 00
Blacksmithing.....	86 00
Wall paper.....	65 67
Repairing organ and five pianos.....	73 50
Repairing musical instruments, strings, etc.....	154 17
Cabinet furniture and repairs.....	35 25
Paving and materials.....	48 90
Whitewashing.....	66 78
Repairing pumps.....	14 20
Trees and shrubs.....	17 50
Gong.....	12 90
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	\$1,836 70

## PROVISIONS, ETC.

Fresh meat and sausage.....	\$1,173 25
Ham and dried meat.....	94 40
Fish.....	36 86
Poultry.....	50 97
Eggs.....	48 27
Butter.....	714 50
Cheese.....	48 72
Lard.....	67 74
Flour and meal.....	866 10
Rice and hominy.....	53 21
Coffee.....	154 70
Tea.....	171 22
Salt, pepper and spice.....	14 82
Vinegar.....	28 65
Soda, cream tartar and hops.....	30 21
Ice.....	30 00
Sugar and molasses.....	415 71
Crackers.....	37 48
Honey and milk.....	4 50
Apples.....	89 88
Fruit and berries.....	53 42
Potatoes.....	123 58
Squashes, cucumbers, onions, etc.....	33 67
Beats and corn.....	14 38
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	\$4,361 24



## MISCELLANEOUS.

Coal.....	\$64 13	
Gas for the year.....	162 34	
Candles and oil.....	16 76	
Postage and stamps.....	50 35	
Dry goods.....	179 53	
Hollands and curtains.....	14 93	
Stationery, books, etc.....	63 94	
Books in raised print.....	38 29	
Printing circulars and proceedings of Re-union.....	16 50	
Crockery and wooden ware.....	90 23	
Baskets and bed cords.....	29 11	
Soap, hard and soft.....	136 71	
Starch and indigo.....	18 50	
Indelible ink.....	4 00	
Straw for beds and for stock.....	45 75	
Food for horses, cows and swine.....	182 68	
Freight, drayage and express charges.....	21 04	
Two cows and six swine.....	101 00	
Shoe brushes and blacking.....	9 35	
Scrubbing brushes, Bath brick, sacks, etc.....	16 41	
Drugs and medicines.....	116 82	
		<hr/> \$1,378 37

## MECHANICAL DEPARTMENT.

Broom corn.....	\$553 89	
Broom twine and wire.....	196 96	
Broom handles.....	66 00	
Broom machine.....	27 00	
Freight, etc., of broom corn and brooms.....	59 19	
		<hr/> \$903 04
Beads and wire for girls' work room.....	59 42	
Paid pupils for bead work.....	278 21	
Prepared palm leaf.....	22 30	
Paid teacher of braiding.....	83 00	
		<hr/> \$442 93
		<hr/> \$1,345 97

## ACKNOWLEDGMENT.

For the following papers and periodicals sent gratuitously to the Institution, the proprietors will please accept the thanks of officers and pupils. The proprietors of these papers, and those of others, who are willing so to do, will confer a great favor by forwarding their publications during the coming year:

Name.	Editors and Publishers.	Where Pub.
Ohio Statesman, daily . . . . .	Manypenny & Miller . . . . .	Columbus.
Ohio State Journal, daily . . . . .	H. D. Cook & Co. . . . .	Columbus.
Capital City Fact, weekly . . . . .	John Geary & Son . . . . .	Columbus.
Lutheran Standard, weekly . . . . .	Evan. Lutheran Synod . . . . .	Columbus.
The Ark . . . . .	A. E. Glenn . . . . .	Columbus.
Ohio Cultivator, semi-monthly . . . . .	S. D. Harris . . . . .	Columbus.
New Church Herald, weekly . . . . .	S. Hough . . . . .	Cincinnati.
Cincinnati Gazette, weekly . . . . .	Gazette Company . . . . .	Cincinnati.
Dollar Times, weekly . . . . .	James D. Taylor . . . . .	Cincinnati.
Cincinnati Enquirer, weekly . . . . .	Faran & McClean . . . . .	Cincinnati.
Presbyterian of the West . . . . .	Rev. J. G. Monfort . . . . .	Cincinnati.
Ladies' Repository, monthly . . . . .	Rev. D. W. Clark . . . . .	Cincinnati.
Western Christian Advocate, weekly . . . . .	Rev. C. Kingsley . . . . .	Cincinnati.
Cleveland Herald, weekly . . . . .	Fairbanks, Benedict & Co. . . . .	Cleveland.
Weekly Plain Dealer . . . . .	J. W. Gray & Co. . . . .	Cleveland.
Toledo Blade . . . . .	Pelton, Stewart & Co. . . . .	Toledo.
The Intelligencer . . . . .	T. L. Andrews . . . . .	Marietta.
Stark County Democrat . . . . .	A. McGregor . . . . .	Canton.
Religious Telescope, weekly . . . . .	John Lawrence . . . . .	Dayton.
Highland County News . . . . .	J. L. Boardman . . . . .	Hillsborough.
Morrow County Herald . . . . .	W. J. Lottridge . . . . .	Cardington.
Jeffersonian Democrat . . . . .	J. O. Converse . . . . .	Chardon.

# APPENDIX.

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## TO THE PARENTS AND GUARDIANS OF BLIND CHILDREN AND YOUTH.

The age at which it is best for children to enter the Institution, depends very much upon the circumstances of the families to which they belong. If they can be under good influences at home, can have the care of mother and sisters, can take exercise in the open air, can be taught the use of words, can learn to count, and to perform some of the operations in arithmetic, and commence learning to read, it is unquestionably better for them to remain at home till they are ten, or perhaps twelve years old ; but if they cannot receive proper care, and be taught some of these things, they should come at the age of seven or eight years. Those who enter at this early age need not necessarily attend every year until their pupilage expires. After learning to read, and making a good beginning in other studies, they may spend a year at home now and then, and, by a little aid from their friends, may be constantly improving, or at least be prevented from forgetting what they have learned.

The following are some of the things which may be learned at their homes as well as after they enter the Institution :

1. To count, and number, and to add, subtract, multiply, divide, etc.
2. The multiplication table.
3. To spell common words, beginning with monosyllables.
4. The meaning of common words.
5. The letters, in raised print.
6. Items of general information : every blind child of six or seven years old should know the points of the compass, the name of the town, county and State in which he lives, the number of counties in the State, and of States in the Union, etc.
7. Facts in geography and history may be added as they can be understood.
8. Hymns, verses of Scripture, and select passages of prose and poetry, which they can understand, should be committed to memory ; these will furnish them subjects of thought when they are alone, or of conversation when they are in company.
9. Singing common tunes, or playing some simple instrument.
10. There is no reason why a blind child should not commence attending the district or other school, with his seeing brothers and sisters, and take part in the exercises in spelling, mental arithmetic, geography, etc. ; indeed in everything except reading

The blind are, for the most part, to spend their lives among those who have sight: it should be the aim of all who have the oversight of them to render them as much like the seeing as possible. They should be carefully guarded against forming any habits which will be disagreeable to others. The blind are always noticed by strangers, and their manners and habits observed more particularly than those of other persons; hence it is a very great kindness to them to prevent them from acquiring unsightly habits, or to correct them, if such have been formed.

Persons over twenty-one years of age, if free from bad habits, can enter the Institution for a limited period to learn a trade. A young man of active mind, and some acquaintance with the use of tools, can learn to make corn brooms in three or four months; some have done it in half that time. A man who had a family to support, and who had recently lost his sight, entered the Institution on the 13th of September last. He learned the trade thoroughly by the end of October, and on the third of this month he left and has already engaged in business for himself. We feel warranted in stating that any blind man, who has energy, and is disposed to be industrious, can, in a short time become able to support himself. The machinery necessary to carry on this business, costs only thirty dollars.

I will furnish a copy of the Alphabet in raised print to the parents of any blind child who will give me their names and Post Office address; and shall take great pleasure in giving information which they may wish in relation to books or other things pertaining to the instruction of their children at home; or in regard to their admission to the Institution.

For such information please address, A. D. LORD, Columbus, O.

NOTE.—This Institution needs the following numbers in order to complete its files of the Reports of the different Institutions for the Blind in this country:

New England Institution, 1, 4 and 8; New York, 1, 3, 8 and 19; Pennsylvania, 1 and 3; Virginia, the first 10, 13 and 14; North Carolina, all; South Carolina, all before 8; Georgia, 6; Louisiana, 1, 4 and 5; Mississippi, all; Michigan, 1; and we need copies of the first 8, and the 15th and 18th of our own Reports.

We have duplicates of some of the Reports of nearly all the Institutions, which will be cheerfully supplied to complete sets.





